

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 60

Introduced by Assembly Member Nunez

December 6, 2004

An act to add Section 42238.47 to the Education Code, relating to school finance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 60, as introduced, Nunez. School finance: revenue limit equalization.

Existing law requires the county superintendent of schools to determine a revenue limit for each school district in the county pursuant to a specified formula. Existing law provides 2 revenue limit equalization adjustments for each school district for the 2003–04 fiscal year.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to compute, as specified, an equalization adjustment for each school district for the 2005–06 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 42238.47 is added to the Education
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 42238.47. (a) For the 2005–06 fiscal year and each fiscal
- 4 year thereafter, the Superintendent shall compute an equalization
- 5 adjustment for each school district as follows:
- 6 (1) Subtract the unrestricted funding per pupil received by a
- 7 district in the prior fiscal year from the average unrestricted

1 funding per pupil received statewide in the prior fiscal year by
2 the appropriate type of district listed in subdivision (b). If this
3 difference is less than zero, the amount computed pursuant to this
4 paragraph shall be deemed to be zero.

5 (2) Multiply the amount computed for each district pursuant to
6 paragraph (1) by the number of pupils enrolled in the district for
7 the current fiscal year as determined by the Superintendent.

8 (3) Determine the sum of the amounts computed for all
9 districts pursuant to paragraph (2).

10 (4) Divide the amount appropriated for purposes of this
11 section for the current fiscal year by the amount computed
12 pursuant to paragraph (3).

13 (5) Multiply the amount computed for a school district
14 pursuant to paragraph (2) by the amount computed pursuant to
15 paragraph (4).

16 (b) Subdivision (a) applies to the following types of school
17 districts:

18 (1) Elementary.

19 (2) High school.

20 (3) Unified.

21 (c) For the purposes of this section, the average unrestricted
22 funding per pupil received statewide in the prior fiscal year
23 determined for the purposes of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a)
24 and the fraction computed pursuant to paragraph (3) of
25 subdivision (a) by the Superintendent for the second principal
26 apportionment for the current fiscal year shall be final and shall
27 not be recalculated at subsequent apportionments. The
28 percentage equivalent to the fraction computed pursuant to
29 paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) shall not exceed 1.0.

30 (d) (1) For purposes of this section, “unrestricted funding”
31 means the sum of the following:

32 (A) Revenue limit funding received pursuant to Section
33 42238, including any adjustments related to PERS employer
34 contribution rates.

35 (B) Funding for Meals for Needy Pupils programs received
36 pursuant to Section 42241.2.

37 (C) Funding for new continuation education high schools
38 received pursuant to Section 42243.7.

39 (D) Funding for necessary small schools pursuant to Article 4
40 (commencing with Section 42280).

1 (E) Incentives for longer instructional day and year pursuant to
2 Article 8 (commencing with Section 46200) of Chapter 2 of Part
3 26.

4 (F) Incentives to increase beginning teachers salaries.

5 (G) Property tax revenues in excess of amounts that may be
6 applied against state aid for purposes of revenue limits, special
7 education, or regional occupation centers and programs.

8 (H) Timber yield tax revenues, federal impact aid, or any other
9 similar unrestricted funding received from the federal
10 government.

11 (I) Any other unrestricted funding received by a school district
12 as determined by the Superintendent.

13 (2) For purposes of this section, “unrestricted funding per
14 pupil” means the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (1)
15 divided by the number of pupils enrolled in the district for the
16 current fiscal year, as determined by the Superintendent. For
17 purposes of this section, enrollment shall exclude pupils enrolled
18 in charter schools for which funding is computed pursuant to
19 Section 47633.